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## Roy Moore accused of sexual misconduct

By WAID JONES



Roy Moore accuser Beverly Young Nelson (left) appeared at a press conference with attorney Gloria Allred (right)

Photo By Susan Watts

The Washington Post published an article accusing Roy Moore, the Republican candidate for Senate in Alabama of having inappropriate relationships with four women who at the time were between 14 and 16 years old. Moore was 32 at the time. Moore is also accused of having used his position as the Etowah County assistant district attorney to intimidate these women into silence.

The youngest victim, Leigh Corfman, was 14 when she says Moore attacked her. Less than a week after meeting Moore, Corfman says that he kissed her in his car. During their second meeting, Corfman says Moore removed her clothes and began touching her over her bra and underwear, while guiding her hands to touch him in a sexual nature.

Debbie Wesson and Gloria Thacker Deason, 17 and 18

respectively, said that Moore approached them while they were in high school. Wesson says Moore spoke to her civics class and asked her out on multiple dates. Deason remarked that despite her being below the legal drinking age at the time, her dates with Moore included bottles of Mateus Rosé wine. Neither of these women say that their relationships with Moore ever extended beyond kissing.

A fifth woman came forward on Monday to accuse Moore. Beverly Young Nelson said that when she was 16 she worked at a diner where Moore was a frequent customer. One night Moore offered to drive her home. When she accepted, he instead drove his car to the rear of the diner, stopped and attempted to have sexual relations with her.

In a statement Nelson gave

during a news conference, she described her encounter with Moore. "I tried fighting him off, while yelling at him to stop, but instead of stopping he began squeezing my neck attempting to force my head onto his crotch," said Nelson. She later said that once she had escaped the vehicle Moore told her, "no one will believe you."

Moore's campaign responded in a statement that these accusations are, "yet another baseless political attack," going on to cite that The Washington Post has endorsed his opponent in the Senate special election, Doug Jones.

Since the allegations have come to light many Republican Senators have come out against Moore, with the Senate Majority Leader, Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky saying on Tuesday, "I believe the women," showing support for the victims

and later asking that Moore drop out of the race in light of these allegations. Moore responded to McConnell's comments by tweeting, "The person who should step aside is @SenateMajLdr."

Other Republican Senators have come out against Moore. The National Republican Senate Committee has stopped raising money for the candidate, and its chair Senator Cory Gardner of Colorado said that even if Moore wins he should not be allowed to represent Alabama in the Senate as "he does not meet the ethical and moral requirements of the United States Senate."

Many Alabama Republicans have come out in support of Moore. Ed Henry, an Alabama state representative told the Cullman Times, "You can't be a victim forty years later." Henry went on to suggest that the alleged victims

of these sexual assaults should be subject to legal actions against them for waiting so long to come forward.

Other Republicans are referencing The Bible in their support of Moore. "Mary was a teenager and Joseph was an adult carpenter. They became parents of Jesus," Alabama State Auditor Jim Zeigler told the Washington Examiner. "There's nothing immoral or illegal here."

Moore refuses to withdraw from the Senate race, even going so far as to declare his intent to sue the website AL.com for printing what he considers to be false and defamatory stories on their website.

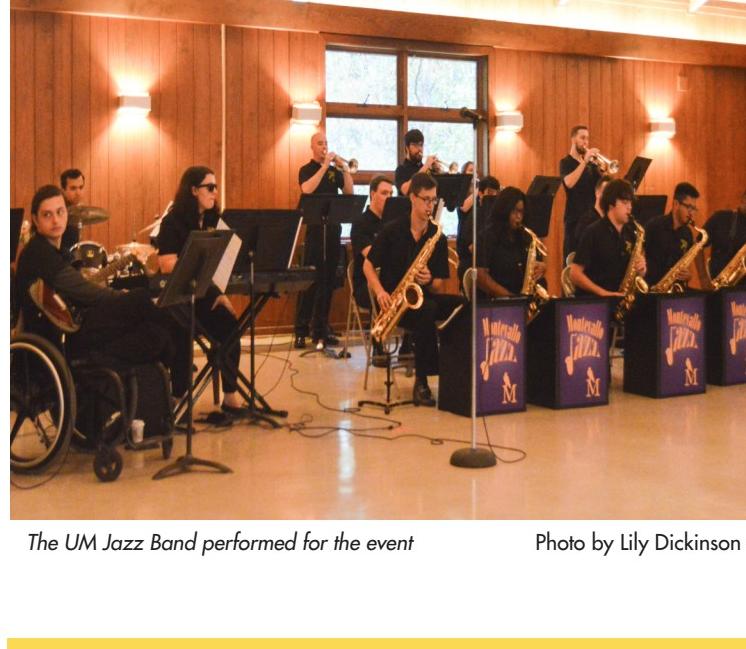
With only 25 days left Alabama Republicans have few options to replace Moore on the ballot. "Even if he withdrew formally or if the state party formally withdrew their support for him or if he passed away, he would still be on the ballot," John Merrill, the Alabama secretary of state told the New York times.

The ballots were printed and distributed on Oct. 18, and this prevents their reprinting so close to the election, and many of the absentee ballots have already been sent in. There are reports of Luther Strange attempting to run a write-in campaign to possibly oppose Moore. This presents disadvantages for the former attorney general as his name remains off of the ballots.

The special election will be held on Dec. 12, don't forget to register to vote. If you already think that you are, double check to make sure and find out where your polling place is.

## NAfME provides a night of coffee and crooning at Java and Jazz

By LILY DICKINSON and MAGGIE SANDERSON



The UM Jazz Band performed for the event

Photo by Lily Dickinson

On the drizzly evening of Wednesday, Nov. 1, students and musicians alike gathered in the Student Retreat Center to celebrate the Montevallo Jazz Ensemble's annual Java and Jazz, an event which features a variety of jazz music played by both the ensemble and a selection of soloists, all while onlookers enjoy free coffee and snacks. Hosted by the Montevallo chapter of the National Association for Music Education, Java and Jazz was a relaxed, mood-lit evening of mirth and glee.

When walking into the Student Retreat Center through a streamer-lined doorway, the tone of the evening was immediately palpable the instant the candles on every table caught your eye and the loud music danced through the room. With old classic songs, such as

Ray Charles' "One Mint Julep," the evening seemed to transport the audience back in time to the height of jazz.

The room came alive with joy at every song played. While some took the opportunity to sit back and relax to the music while sipping their coffee, others let the rhythm move them as they danced across the floor. Even those who didn't get up and dance could not help but tap their feet to the irresistible sound. Other songs played included Steely Dan's "Deacon Blues," "Harlem Nocturne," and "Build Me Up Buttercup," which was certainly a crowd favorite. Most of the songs were instrumental and played expertly by the members of the jazz band. A selection of a few soloists also performed both with the band and

by themselves. The songs performed by soloists included, "It's Only a Paper Moon," "Georgia On My Mind," "Why Don't You Do Right" and "Fever," among others.

Junior Columbia Nave was among those in attendance. "It was great, lots of great music, lots of people came, I enjoyed the coffee," said Nave. "I love jazz, I think it's a great genre of music and I love listening to it." She said that she will definitely come back next year.

The rainy weather did not detract from the evening, but instead simply added to the relaxed atmosphere as the cool breeze drifted through the open back doors. Attendance was high and every table was filled with people having a blast.

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## An open letter to Twitter

Dear Twitter,

Twitter, you have failed. You've failed to see the problem. Millions on your platform simply seek hate to bring upon each other. These users bully their peers and spew fear and loathing of a kind not seen on a public platform before. You've failed to see the change we call for while the only change you give us is more words.

We ask that you ban a man whose mere existence on your platform is his platform. You fail to realize even this new limit is not enough for true discourse. We want to laugh and cry but hope not for fear. We wish with all our hearts not to fear this man's tweets and the violence they could bring. I fear for those who serve as their lives could change with a single tweet.

You've said we won't use these words, that confusion will be gone, but then do these words even matter? I can't say I understand your reasoning. If our tweets don't reach the limit then why give us more? Is it because a seven-minute gap between two tweets could start a nuclear war?

These tweets could cause hate and riot and could cause the war of those same people. These men and women live at odds on two sides of the same coin. Instead of promoting unity, your algorithms promote the opposite. If I hate a man, I'll get retweets. If I fight a man, I'll get followers. If I kill a man, I might get verified.

If Donald Trump and Jason Kessler use your platform to voice their hate, should the platform not extend their words but seek to change these words instead?

Thank you,  
A Twitter User

## Recycling revamp needed

by JAMIE HAAS

When you walk through the University of Montevallo's campus, what do you see? Banners denote UM as a College of Distinction and posters boast the University's rank as the 13th best public university in the South in its division. UM has also been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the 2016 Green Ribbon School of Alabama in Higher Education because of its commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability.

And for the most part, I agree! Between the green fund and new environmental studies major, UM is the poster child for Alabama universities looking to reduce their ecological footprint. But if you look closer, dig a little deeper, it's apparent that the spirit of sustainability doesn't run as deep throughout the UM student body as it does throughout the institution. Where is this disconnect most evident? Take a look inside the near-empty, or improperly utilized recycling bins. Considering the effort it took to bring recycling to UM's campus in the first place, its current state is nothing short of a disappointment.

It was the summer of 2003, and Dr. Wicknick was settling into her Harman office when a group of students approached her with two goals: establishing an environmental club and bringing recycling to campus. The following fall, environmental (or E-club) made its debut as a student organization, and Wicknick began looking into

how to incorporate recycling into day-to-day campus life.

Wicknick arranged a tour of the Shelby County landfill for her introductory biology course, and during that trip the tour guide stated there were six dumpsters that had the potential to be placed anywhere in the county for recycling. Wicknick requested one for campus and the landfill worker complied because several had yet to be placed around the county. Wicknick and E-club students gathered opinions pertaining to putting the dumpster somewhere on campus. At the time, the administration was hesitant and questioned whether students would voluntarily bring recyclables to a single central location. Physical plant workers also voiced concerns: what if the unsightly dumpster deterred touring parents and prospective students from enrolling at the University? The solution was to tuck it away behind the plant's fence.

Despite its hidden nature, the dumpster was open not only to UM students but to Montevallo residents as well, all of whom utilized its service with vigor. Over the first four years of UM's new recycling initiative, pick-up went from being needed only once a month to being needed three times a week. Because of the residents' enthusiastic response, a recycling center was opened in town, and the University started collecting recyclables from inside academic buildings and residence halls.

However, all good things come to an end, and as the prestige of this new opportunity wore off, so did the efforts of the campus. When

the director of housekeeping evaluated the use of recycling bins, it came to their attention that they either weren't being used or being used incorrectly. This led to the removal of recycling bins from classrooms and their new placement in central locations within academic buildings. Yet, in these places they're almost tucked away, and one must truly seek them out in order to recycle their waste. In my eyes, a solution is clear. First, education on the issue is in order. Running informational campaigns about what is recyclable and how to recycle would do a world of good. Many students are unaware that the University doesn't have single stream recycling and put all their waste in one bin not knowing that doing so results in all of it being thrown out instead of recycled. Additionally, beginning a "paired bin" initiative would likely increase the rate of recycling within academic buildings. If trash bins and recycling bins are placed too far from one another, people are too likely to use them as whatever suits their in-the-moment need, leading to trash being put in the recycle bin and vice versa. However, if the two are paired next to each other, the likelihood of that circumstance is reduced. I understand that recycling, as simple as it seems, takes effort. But taking the easy way out isn't an option when it comes to bettering our environment. UM has been commended for its attempt thus far, but the job is only half done. We need to finish strong, and revamping recycling is just one step toward achieving that goal.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

Stepping into the dark of the night, the campus isn't as suitably lit as it could be. From hesitating to make late trips across campus to nervously whipping our heads in every direction, we make attempts to ensure our own safety when the lack of lighting on campus fails to do so. I'm writing this letter to propose installing new light fixtures in order to improve visibility around campus and our students' security.

As daylight disappears, the only sources of light are from the Narnia-like poles positioned throughout campus. The issue with these lights is that they are very dim, only lighting the small area surrounding the poles. Particularly, in the "sub-quad" between Anna Irving Dining Hall, Hanson, Tutwiler and Ramsay, there is a major lack of sight. I questioned a group and one guy noted that he was walking a friend back to her dorm when someone emerged from the bushes. They had no idea where he came from due to the darkness of the area, because there are only two working lights there. I've heard residents of Tutwiler and Hanson complain about the lighting. Leaving your dorm at night is like a scene from a movie. You have a set destination while swinging your head back and forth to ensure your own safety and then trip on the uneven bricks, because you were looking around you.

I'm certain there's a more effective and affordable lighting system available to add to some of the dark areas like this one. Effective and well-priced LED lights would be the best bet. There should be at least two placed on the ground—at each diagonal to intersect—so that they can shine across the walkway instead of encompassing a small surrounded area like the current yellow, sodium lights we've had for a while. These lights would better improve visibility along both walkways, making students and more specifically residents of Hanson like me, feel more confident stepping out into the night.

Sincerely,

Akerah Smoot

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

I am writing to you on behalf of the disabled students here at the University of Montevallo. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, there are over 700,000 students that are disabled in college. Only 17 percent of students in college get the kind of help they actually need. That leaves 83 percent of students left helpless. I am proposing a handicap access button be placed outside of the handicap entrance on the east side of Main Hall.

Main Hall is conveniently located at the top of campus, making students' lives easier with its location in relation to classes. The entrance to Main, however, is not very handicap-friendly. The placement of the door is partially obstructed by a part of the building. The fit is tight when opening the door, making it hard for even an able-bodied person to get inside. The card reader is on the right side of the door, making it difficult for a disabled student to swipe their card and then go through the door. A disabled student can get in, yes, but it's not easy. A student that comes to a university should have the same access as another person. As able-bodied beings, it is our duty to give our disabled friends, relatives and co-workers a chance. This button will provide simpler access to Main Hall, making it more handicap-friendly. Many locations around campus are already equipped with this button, showing that it truly is helpful in making our campus accessible.

I propose that the handicap entrance on the east side of Main Hall be equipped with an access button to better suit our students. I hope that you read this and realize the need for more disabled accessibility here at the University of Montevallo.

Sincerely,

Meghan Hilley

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## University of Montevallo pronounced Severe Weather Ready

by COURTNEY MCCULLOUGH



The University of Montevallo has been certified as "Storm Ready".

Photo by Courtney McCullough

The year of 2017 has brought storm readiness to the forefront of conversations.

In the wake of Hurricanes Irma, Harvey and Maria, questions about safety and where to turn for help have risen.

The University of Montevallo has been proactive in providing answers to these questions. University of Montevallo Provost James McDonald said UM is a "weather-ready" school, meaning it is prepared for any sort of severe weather, at least by the Weather Service's standards.

"I think we're prepared for just about anything," said McDonald.

In each building on campus,

including the residence halls, are floor plans detailing where to go in case of severe weather or fire.

McDonald explained how each building on campus has a designated area for students and faculty to go to in case of severe weather and how alerts are given quickly through our alert system.

In case of emergency situations, such as severe weather, the University issues warnings through their alert system.

This system uses social media, email, text and phone calls to relay warnings and which actions should be taken.

The University of Montevallo Police Department has a list of

the alerts and what each alert means inside of every building on campus.

Near Main Hall is the alarm for severe weather. This alarm can be heard from all over campus and signals for faculty and students to get to the shelters.

Sheets explaining emergency procedures are also spread throughout campus.

For example, the emergency sheet encourages students to seek shelter in a ditch if caught outside in a tornado.

If inside, the perfect shelter is somewhere on the lowest possible floor and away from windows.

Cason Cooke, a freshman theatre

technology major from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, has lived through tornadoes. She recalled receiving storm safety procedures from the mandatory freshman orientation.

She prides herself on being prepared for most situations, and has a storm kit ready for use. "Just from living through tornadoes, I know to get to lower ground, no windows," said Cooke.

In case of a storm, Davis Parker, a sophomore theatre student from Maryville, Tennessee, has his plan. "I know exactly where to go in case of a tornado," said Parker. "The basement of Napier Hall."

McDonald said discussions of weather safety, and safety in general, regularly take place. In these meetings, a tabletop risk assessment is in place.

A tabletop is just a simulated exercise that we would go through in terms of mitigating risks. And it can be on a wide variety of topics; active shooter, dangerous foul weather," said McDonald.

They create scenarios to help the school prepare for potential risks or hazards and deal with them.

UMPD Officer Brian Prady said the University is prepared for just about everything. There are specialty teams of administrators and police officers who train annually to address various weather scenarios.

The National Weather Service has someone come out and look over the school to make sure everything is up-to-date and see if each building has a safety area.

They also look at the University's safety plans. If everything

checks out, the school is deemed to be storm ready.

Officer Prady went into detail about where to go during a storm. "If it's a tornado, just the same thing you've always done. Lowest floor, in a hallway. That kind of thing."

He explained some buildings had basements or were even designated shelters. The 3-D building is one such shelter.

In case a major disaster causes loss of power or destroys buildings, the Student Activity Center (SAC) or University of Montevallo on Main Street (UMOM) is where students need to go.

"The SAC can hold up to I think 100-something cots if it needs to," said Prady. "And we have a huge generator we got from army surplus that can power up the SAC for days if need be."

UMOM also has a room specially built for students or administration stranded during a severe storm.

The Emergency Operations Center is equipped with televisions, phones and cots.

If tornadoes or other severe weather is known about ahead of time, Officer Prady said the University of Montevallo works with Shelby County MA, who will hold weather briefings at their office in Columbiana.

The National Weather Service sends a rundown and timeline expected of the storm.

These briefings help determine if Shelby County Schools, including UM, will be closed for the duration of the storm.

## UM professor lectures on women in politics

By JASMYNE RAY



Dr. Eckleman led the event.

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As the only female political science professor at UM, Dr. Andrea Eckleman is as passionate about her discipline as she is about encouraging female students to take an active role in politics, both nationally and locally. On Thursday, Nov. 2, Dr. Eckleman gave a presentation on women and politics in the J.A. Brown room of Carmichael Library.

The Montevallo branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) assisted with putting the presentation together, saying the idea for it came with Dr. Eckleman's arrival on campus last year and membership in the organization.

"Immediately we kind of began to talk about her research interests, which are women in politics, so that really was kind of in line with AAUW's mission," said Amanda Melcher, president of the Mon-

tevallo branch of AAUW.

Talking points for the presentation ranged from the importance of female representation in politics to reasons women should want to get involved in politics. Dr. Eckleman also addressed the importance of voting in local elections.

"50 or 60 votes breaks a local election and I think that recognizing that and recognizing that power that you have is really, really important," said Dr. Eckleman.

The University has student organizations for the Democratic, Republican and Libertarian political parties—all of which have profiles interested students can view through OrgSync. With Dec. 12, Alabama's senate election day, quickly coming up, students who are of voting age should register by Nov 27.

## Students educated on blood donation

By CALEB JONES

On Monday, Nov. 13, Rakia Hassell with 5 Points of Life (a foundation of LifeSouth Community Blood Centers) did a presentation in Farmer entitled "Sickle-cell Education Program and How You Can Save Lives." This presentation brought forward extremely important information on donating blood and Sickle-cell Disease.

So why is donating blood important? Hassell pointed out that when someone donates blood, they have the potential to save three lives, either through their platelets which help the blood clot, their plasma which can be given to burn victims or their red blood cells or RBCs. RBCs are what are most important that people with Sickle-cell Disease receive. Sickle-cell is a genetic disease, and one out of every 12 African Americans are born with the trait.

When someone has Sickle-cell Disease, that means that their RBCs are literally shaped quite like a sickle, rather than the normal doughnut shape. This can cause a variety of problems. Not only are sickle-shaped cells not very good for oxygen transport, they are sticky--this stickiness combined with their abnormal shape can and often do cause blockages in the blood vessels, which can result in a "sickle-cell crisis," which is intensely painful, can cause massive swelling, loss of energy, lung damage and tissue death. The average life expectancy of someone with Sickle-cell Disease is around 50 years, and those 50 years can be of very low quality.

While treatments exist, there is no cure. That is why receiving donated blood is crucial for most sickle-cell patients. Blood transfusions can be life saving, meaning that if a Sickle Cell patient needs one, it is the only thing that can save them. In fact, the average sickle-cell patient needs about 100 transfusions in their lifetime.

Alarmingly, there are 2,500 to 3,000 sickle-cell patients in Alabama alone. So

what can we do to help? Donate blood! The University of Montevallo hosts frequent blood drives, and there is a LifeSouth Community Blood Center only 11 miles from campus in Alabaster. Remember, blood transfusions not only help people with Sickle-cell Disease and people who have lost blood, but your platelets can help someone whose blood can't clot, your plasma can restore water to the body of a burn victim. You might even discover that your blood is optimal for sickle-cell patients, which would make you a "sickle-cell hero"--meaning that your blood lacks antigens C, K and E, and that is negative for hemoglobin S (sickle-cell). Don't be afraid to go out and give blood. Your one pint of blood may save a life!

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## "Engineering Eden" author visits campus

By VANDY MYERS



Smith wrote "Engineering Eden" by combining his personal park experience and historical accounts.

Photo by Vandy Myers

On Thursday, Nov. 2, Jordan Fisher Smith came to campus to give a lecture and book signing for his second narrative nonfiction book, "Engineering Eden." He was introduced to the podium by Dr. Susan Caplow, an assistant professor of environmental studies at the University of Montevallo. Smith thanked the audience, then began to tell the story of how his book came into creation. He spent 21 years as a park and wilderness ranger in various state parks around the country, believing he was helping the park environments and those who were visiting them. When he worked at Yellowstone, the setting of "Engineering Eden," he would help sedate and relocate the irritated bears in state park, not realizing that it was costing the bears their lives until years later when he followed up on the dedicated reports which were filed for relocated animals by park and wildlife officials.

Smith put it upon himself to understand the reasons these bears were irritated and why the causes went unnoticed or ignored for so long in his novel, researching a specific death at Yellowstone and the court case surrounding it. Smith set the foundation for his book by explaining to the audience how primitive the study of ecology was in the 1800s when Yellowstone, the first national park, was created. Largely, the biologists in the park did not fully consider the implications of their actions early on. The problems in Yellowstone were present from the beginning. At first, the park had no police force, which allowed poachers to run wild, killing thousands of animals. To solve this problem, the

army was sent in by the 1920s. The elk population was low by then, so the soldiers planted crops to replenish the population, and began to hunt the two main predators of the elk—wolves and mountain lions. Once the predators had been wiped out, however, the elk population exploded and quickly became a problem of its own, so in response the elk were hunted again by the hundreds.

Bears became an issue when trash byproducts from human food were poured into garbage dumps for them to later consume. The bears became more comfortable with humans over time and moved in closer, romping through family picnics in the park or campgrounds in search of food. This began a rise in the number of bear attacks, a type of event which was previously extremely rare. This problem was generally ignored by the director of the park until two young women were killed in bear attacks and the media began to publicize the issue. While the park officials were keen on blaming the public, the family of those killed in the attacks were quick to start a lawsuit on behalf of their lost loved ones. It was at this point in his tale that Smith read the audience an excerpt from the book regarding the build-up to these trials and the subsequent closing of the dumps where the bears were feeding, adding additional commentary all the while.

The event closed with the book signing, where copies of his first book, "Nature Noir," and his new book, "Engineering Eden," were available for purchase.

## Students make fuzzy friends

By COURTNEY MCCULLOUGH

The line to Anna Irvin Dining Hall on Nov. 7 stretched nearly to the front of the cafeteria.

Stuff-A-Friend went from 5 to 7 p.m., with the line starting at 4:30 p.m. Students from all over campus were waiting to be let inside to participate in Stuff-A-Friend.

Stuff-A-Friend is a UPC event in which students can select an animal to stuff and name.

The "friends" students could choose from this time were otters, turtles, a Gold Side lion or a Purple Side cow.

Rachel Fisher, a student at the University of Montevallo, picked a lion for her friend. "The best part is getting to spend time with my friends, stuffing our animals," said Fisher.

Anna Irvin was packed with students, only about six to a stuffing table. It was loud with laughter and jokes.

Several tables were arranged with boxes of stuffing ready to be used. Close to the exit was another table, one for filling out "birth certificates" for the newly made friends.

Students tended to make pun-based names for their animals, including one cow named "Moo-sie".

Sometimes a UPC member had to remind students to leave once their animal was stuffed so others could join in.

Amber Quinn, a senior art student at the University of Montevallo, picked a cow to give to her next Purple child. "The most fun part for me was helping a little boy make a cow for his little sister," said Quinn.

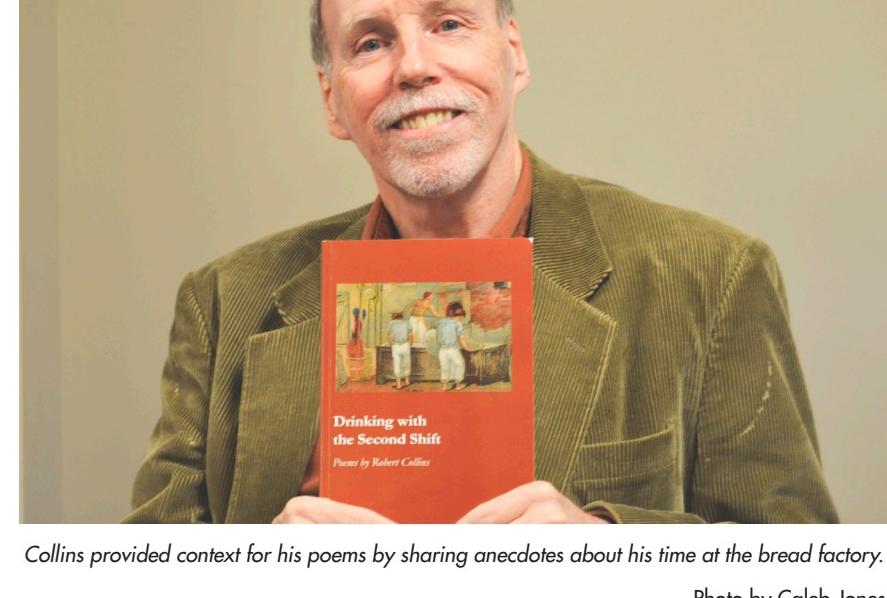
The animals picked for Stuff-A-Friend depend on which animals seem popular during the events. The more students pick an animal, the more popular it is.

Some of the most popular ones are the cow and lion for reasons of school spirit in the forms of the Purple and Gold sides.

Kelly Garrett, a UPC member, says the event is one that often has a good turnout of students and is just fun to put on. "The students really enjoy it, so it's something we want to keep doing," said Garrett.

## Poet Robert Collins Reads to UM

By CALEB JONES



Collins provided context for his poems by sharing anecdotes about his time at the bread factory.

Photo by Caleb Jones

On Monday, Nov. 6, poet Robert Collins came to UM's Carmichael Library and read from his newest book, "Drinking with the Second Shift." A collection of poems about his life as a young man working a job in a bread factory to pay for college, "Drinking with the Second Shift" tells about his experiences in the bread factory, the lessons he learned and the people that made a lasting impact on him. From this book, Collins read poems such as "The Miracle of the Loaves," "New Guy," "Bake While You Sleep," "Deaf Guy" and of course the title poem "Drinking with the Second Shift." Collins has published poems in a wide

variety of literary magazines, such as Ascent, Charlotte Poetry Review, Ci-marron Review, Chattahoochee Review and many more. He has also won many awards for his work: two Academy of American Poets prizes, two Individual Artists Fellowships from the Alabama State Council of the Arts, several nominations for a Pushcart Prize and the Ascent Reward for Poetry. As well as being a poet, he has taught American literature and creative writing at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, and he is the founder and longtime editor of Birmingham Poetry Review. His newest book is out from Turning Point Press.

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## UM volleyball

## shows progress

By SAV COOK

The volleyball team has a far better winning record this season than the previous years. In conference, they have a win-loss ratio of 8 and 8 compared with last year's record of 5 and 13.

Katie O'Brien has been the head coach of the team for 10 years. O'Brien has done an excellent job training the team for the court, having led her team with a record of 166-132. Before Montevallo, she coached at Piedmont College where she was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The assistant coach, Yatza Tramosjanin, is new to Montevallo. Before coaching, Tramosjanin spent her freshman and sophomore years at the University of Wyoming. She earned the Most Valuable Player award at the Stetson University Invitational. Previously, Tramosjanin coached volleyball at Central Methodist University. She was the assistant coach for varsity and head coach for the junior varsity team.

"My favorite part of volleyball is when the team comes together," said Tramosjanin. "Understanding teamwork is an important component of

sports. Our team is on the rise."

Senior Grace Harris achieved a milestone of 1,000 digs as a defense specialist. That is a big accomplishment since she has been on the team since her freshman year. "I have grown a lot through volleyball," said Harris. "I love seeing the team put in hard work and effort to earn the fruits of our labor."

Along Harris' side is senior Kristy Bohan, a middle blocker. "Volleyball has helped me become a leader," said Bohan. "I feel a sense of fulfillment when we win. Even if we don't win, I'm still grateful for my team and how far we have come."

Most players will be returning to next year's team, along with new recruits. "There is a great responsibility that comes with being a part of the team, which is why recruiting upcoming freshmen is risky," said Tramosjanin.

The team seems to have an important dynamic. They have come a long way in the past few years. Thanks to the exceptional coaches and the hardworking players, the Montevallo volleyball team is on the rise.

## Finding "Common Ground" at the Baptist Campus Ministries

By SAV COOK



Matt Suddarth and company performed for a gathered crowd at the BCM

On Thursday, Nov. 9, the Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) hosted an event called "Common Ground" where anyone could come and enjoy free live music and food. The BCM brought in five bands and artists to perform for the welcoming event. Running After Rockets, Misty Elevator,

Matt Suddarth, Flim Flam and Man of the Willow and Tribe all performed and entertained the audience.

Matt Suddarth, accompanied by a group of friends, played a mix of original and covered songs. Peyton Lang joined Suddarth on stage to sing a cover of Harry Styles' "Two Ghosts."

Another band that played was Running After Rockets. The band consists of Jon Andrew Castleberry, Andy Barksdale and Evan Barksdale. The trio has released an EP, "Those We Were," which is available now.

There are only a few more events left for this semester. There is a Christmas banquet which is

scheduled for Dec. 28. The BCM has also been working to put together care packages for victims of the recent hurricanes across the United States.

Megan Walker, a freshman at the University of Montevallo, attends the BCM events on a regular basis. "I've been coming to Resonate nearly every Tuesday

since August," said Walker. "I stop by on Wednesdays to have lunch at Café Escape. The BCM is a great place to come together with other Baptists. I see some people from campus when I come, which makes me feel more welcome. I've actually made a good amount of friends through the BCM."

A sophomore at the University of Montevallo, Jim Vick, is very involved with the BCM. "I've been coming here for about one year now," said Vick. "I have always heard about the BCM ever since I was younger. My parents met here actually. So when I finally had the chance, I had to come check it out and see what it was all about."

Jacob Freeman is the new campus minister for the BCM. He started serving back in August and he preaches at a worship service called Resonate. Resonate is a fellowship service that is held Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. The service is open to anyone that would like to attend. "Normally around forty people come to worship every Tuesday night," said Freeman. Every Wednesday, the BCM hosts Café Escape from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Lunch at Café Escape is free the first time attending and then every time after it's only \$2. The BCM is a great place to get involved and make friends through worship."

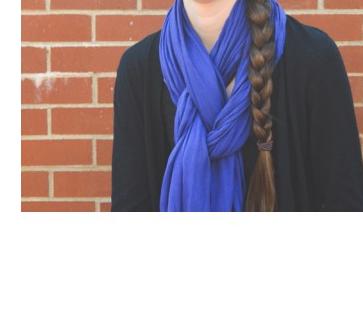
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## Fashion on the Bricks: Scarf Style

By LILY DICKINSON and MAGGIE SANDERSON

As the season slips into fall, it's time for one of the most beloved autumn accessories to come out of hiding: the scarf. Unfortunately, sometimes just wrapping a scarf around your neck is a little too boring. Luckily, Sophomore Katherine Pearce can solve that, as she knows many new and interesting ways to knot a scarf.

### 1. Braided Scarf



To achieve this look, take a classic lightweight scarf, fold the scarf in half, and put it over your neck. Put one end through the loop, first over and then under. Then take the other end and put it through the same loop, under and then over. Simply adjust as needed and go about your day in style.

"I wear it to class when I want to look more dressy. It not only adds interest, but makes the scarf more secure and less likely to fall off your neck," Pearce says about this look.

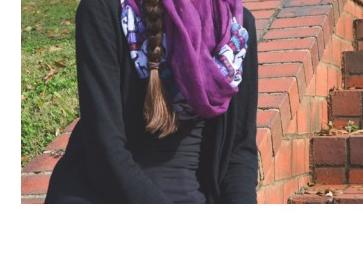
### 2. Vest is Best



Also using a classic lightweight scarf, completely unfold the scarf and hold it out in front of you lengthwise by the corners. Bring the corners together and fold it in half. Grab the corner of the folds and tie them together in a small knot at the top. Put the knot behind you and put your arms through the two holes. You're looking good!

Pearce suggests wearing this outfit whenever you just want to go out casually with friends, or when you just really want to wear your cute scarf but it's a little too warm outside!

### 3. Double Up



In case the last two looks were a little too complicated, but you still want to appear cute and creative, just put two infinity scarves together and knot them as you would normally. This way, you can easily personalize your outfit with complimentary scarves, and you don't have to choose which one of your favorite scarves you want to wear-- just wear both! "When you want to stay warm, look coordinated, but are also too lazy to do anything fancy, this is a good way to wear your scarves!" Pearce proclaims.

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# New on Main St

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- Along with the Montevallo Main Street Reconstruction project, the central vein of Montevallo has received an influx of new business. Along with the long awaited opening of the local Taco Bell, two new shops have opened: Frios Ice Pops and Deep Roots Apotheke and Clinic. Frios brings a selection of gourmet ice pops to keep residents cool, while Deep Roots serves the community with natural medicines and apothecary services. Both locations are open for business now.
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